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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PLOS IR MU

SUBJECT: OMANI AND IRANIAN FISHING ZONES

REF: TEHRAN 4620

1. REFTTEL IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST HERE. AN AMERICAN EXPERT ON FISHERIES WHO RECENTLY ENDED A TWO-WEEK STINT AS ADVISER TO THE OMANGOV UNDER USAID'S REIMBURSEABLE AID PROGRAM IS SUBMITTING A REPORT THAT URGES AN EXTENSION OF OMAN'S FISHING JURISDICTION TO 200 MILES, AS OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE DONE. HE RECOMMENDS THIS LARGELY AS A DEFENSIVE MEASURE, SINCE OTHERWISE HE BELIEVES FISHING VESSELS OF SEVERAL NATIONALITIES WILL MOVE IN WITHOUT IMPUNITY AND VERY LIKELY DEplete OMAN'S SUSTAINABLE CATCH.

2. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, OMAN HAS NOT YET EXTENDED ITS FISHING CLAIM BEYOND 50 MILES. IT HAS REFRAINED FROM  
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DOING SO PENDING HOPED-FOR IMPROVEMENT IN NAVAL CAPABILITY THAT COULD POLICE LARGER ZONE. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT OPINION OF ABOVE AMERICAN EXPERT IS BEING TAKEN SERIOUSLY AND THAT PROCLAMATION OF A 200-MILE ZONE WILL COME OUT SOON REGARDLESS OF NAVY'S INABILITY TO ENFORCE IT EFFECTIVELY.

3. PRESUMABLE IN GULF OF OMAN THE 200-MILE ZONE WILL BE

PROCLAIMED ONLY TO MEDIAN LINE, FOR OBVIOUS REASONS. WE ASSUME  
DELINEATION OF MEDIAN LINE HAS BEEN AGREED BETWEEN TWO GOV-  
ERNMENTS, BUT WE ARE NOT CERTAIN OF THIS.  
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